

Land for Maine's Future Program Proposal Workbook Board Adopted Policy & Guidelines



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About This Workbook

This is the sixth edition of the Proposal Workbook since the Land for Maine's Future Board initiated its grants program in 1988.

Much has changed since the Program's first call for proposals in 1988. The passage of the \$50 million bond in 1999 brought both policy and process in line with the public's thoughts on what types of lands should be acquired for current and future citizens of Maine. In January 1996, Governor Angus King issued an Executive Order calling for the establishment of the Land Acquisition Priorities Advisory Committee to help chart the course for future public land acquisitions. In November of 1997, this Committee presented its final report to the Governor outlining a comprehensive set of goals and recommendations to guide public land acquisitions. This Proposal Workbook reflects these changes and the experience of the program during its four rounds of funding since 1999. These goals and recommendations were reviewed and confirmed in 2004 as part of an independent program evaluation conducted by the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service and the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy.

In 2005, Governor Baldacci supported passage of a \$12 million bond for further LMF activity including a new pilot program for the protection of working commercial waterfronts along Maine's coast. The pilot program is now under development and is not discussed further in this workbook.¹

This workbook contains four sections plus appendices.

Section I contains vital information on a wide range of Land for Maine's Future topics. Applicants should read this section first to get background information on the Board's policy and process and Program's background.

Section II is for projects appropriate for the Conservation and Recreation Land category, which includes land of statewide, regional, and local significance. This is the category under which most proposals will fall.

Section III is for water access projects appropriate for the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund. Managed by the Board, this Fund is generally earmarked for smaller parcels that provide mainland water access for boating, fishing and swimming.

Section IV is for projects designed to protect farms and farmland. If a proposal's primary purpose is to protect a working farm, then the project falls under the farmland category.

This document also contains **Appendices**, with important background information for projects.

The Land for Maine's Future Program Proposal Workbook is available in Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet. It can be downloaded to a home computer from the web site of the Land for Maine's Future Program. The address is www.maine.gov/spo/lmf.

If you would like additional paper copies of this Proposal Workbook, please contact the Land for Maine's Future Program, 38 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0038; telephone (207) 287-1485; fax (207) 287-8059.

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